

Ridley Tiger Cub

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Extra-Curricular Activities - A New Emphasis

Extra-curricular activities have been part of the Ridley community for many years. In the past, the Cadet Programme was the main vehicle for operating many of these activities, and a number of other activities took place on a sporadic and informal basis. The Headmaster struck a committee of faculty and students in September to evaluate the present extra-curricular activities and suggest methods of strengthening the programme.

The basic assumption the committee operated on was that Activities should play a role equal to Athletics, with both being secondary to Academics. We perceived one of Ridley's major goals as being the graduation of well-rounded students, and recognized that today's Ministry of Education curriculum tends to work against this goal by encouraging specialization. We further felt that a sound Activities programme can broaden the education of students at Ridley.

During the first term this year, approximately 65% of the student body in Grades 9 to 13 took part in Activities, while the Middle School ran an activity programme involving virtually all of the students. Our goal for the balance of the school year is to increase the involvement in the Upper School programme, with a view toward achieving 100% participation next year. In addition, we hope to expand the social and community service components of our

programme and make some form of service compulsory for all students.

We run approximately 30 activities ranging from a Challenge Ropes Course to the production of publications including two newspapers and ACTA. Students are involved in the operation of our Admissions Department, Library and the Mandeville Theatre, and over two hundred students have been involved or are currently involved in drama and musical productions. Many of our activities are initiated and run by the students themselves.

A final report recommending the scope and nature of the Activities Programme in the school for 1990/91 will be forthcoming this term and a booklet explaining the details of the programme for next year should be available early in third term. We would welcome any suggestions from the Ridley community regarding potential activities and would be delighted to have you share your expertise with the students.

George L. Briggs,
Director of Activities

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play a role equal
to Athletics"**

Admissions Report

Ridley's 100th academic year commenced with a full school: 593 students enrolled overall, with 498 in attendance at the Upper School level. Our boarding numbers include 225 boys and 166 girls, with 32 countries and 8 Canadian provinces represented in our student address list. The mix of boys and girls at Ridley has edged closer to full parity, with young ladies now composing 42% of our total enrollment in grades 5 through 13/OAC.

With applications showing a moderate increase compared with last year at this period, our Admissions secretary, Elizabeth Hunt, has had to shuffle through even greater mounds of paperwork to keep the office from grinding to a halt. She concedes that modern technology has streamlined daily tasks: her old IBM Selectric is now gathering dust, having been replaced by an Apple MacIntosh and laserprinter. Progress, you say? To quote Mrs. Hunt, "it's all too much..."

The next few months will see the headmaster flying west to conduct candidate interviews in Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver (March 27th - 29th), while I make a recruitment run through southwestern Ontario (London, Chatham, and Windsor, February 27th to March 1st). If you know of families in these areas considering a boarding school education for their children, please have them contact the School to set up a meeting.

Donald S. Rickers,
Director of Admissions

On campus...

Changes in Sit-down lunch at Ridley

As the size of Upper School has swollen in recent years, it has become harder to achieve one of the traditional goals of the school: to have a gracious meal at which good manners can be expected and taught. Recent years have seen the conditions at sit-down lunch become so crowded as to be uncomfortable and unpleasant, to the point where preserving a civilized tone and pace to the meal have been, at best, a rearguard action.

We are extremely reluctant to abandon our goal of promoting good manners however, and recently a group of students and faculty met to discuss ways not just of maintaining the status quo but of making some genuine improvements in the meal. Beginning with the first Tuesday of the winter term, we have arranged a formal meal for varied groups of about 160 students and faculty, in the Middle School Dining Hall. There are table cloths on the tables; the students enter quietly and stand behind their chairs waiting for grace; the noise level is such that faculty can explain to those who are unaware of these things what some of the basic rules of etiquette are; sociable conversation can take place. It is heartening to observe that in such conditions most of our students do, in fact, know how to behave.

At the moment this step is provisional, but the early returns indicate that the improvement in the meal is significant. We hope that we can now use this function as a standard by which we spread the message of civilized behaviour to all areas of school life.



Congratulations

Heather Madar, Grade 13, of St. Catharines, received commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Programme for scoring in the 3rd percentile on her Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test score last year.

David Cohen, Grade 13, of St. Catharines, has been accepted at St. Catherine's College, Oxford University for September 1990.

Clothing Exchange

The Women's Guild Clothing Exchange will be open on Tuesday, April 3 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. If students have outgrown blues and greys, this will be a good opportunity to bring them in and to look for a larger size. **Note the date on your calendar.**

Parents' Day

January 27th concludes our Parents' Days for this academic year. We are continually reviewing our methods of communicating with parents and will be happy to have your comments about your Parents' Day experience this past year as well as any suggestions for improved communication. Address your comments to Mrs. J.M. Lewis, Assistant Headmaster.

Jazzfest

David Cosgrove and Carl Dorland will present *Jazzfest* on Sunday, March 4th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in The Mandeville Theatre. There will be 8 acts performing. This event is to assist music programmes in the area.

The admission charge is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors students. For information on tickets, call 688-2851.



Ridley Hits The Road

Doug and Donna Campbell along with Bob and Pat Stanley will be visiting a number of branches this spring. All parents and alumni are invited to meet the new headmaster when he visits.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Edmonton	March 27
Calgary	March 28
Vancouver	March 29
Victoria	March 30
Montreal	Last Week of April
New York City	First Week of May

Parents, alumni and friends of the school are always welcome at these events. Prospective parents would be most welcome as well. Invitations will be mailed a month prior to the event.

EVITA is an opera based on the life of Eva Peron, the second wife of the Argentine president Juan Peron. Eva Duarte was born in 1919, illegitimate, poor, without privilege. She became the most powerful woman her country had ever seen, the First Lady of Argentina at the age of 27. She died in 1952 of cancer, aged 33.

The Ridley production has Ciara Adams as Eva Peron, David Kerr as Che, David Cohen as Juan Peron, Louis Yien as Magaldi and Ann Louise Malone as the Mistress. The production team headed by Mr. Jim McLaughlin, Mr. David Cosgrove, Mr. Stephen Hunt and Mr. James Nesbitt promises to bring a very challenging production to the Ridley stage.

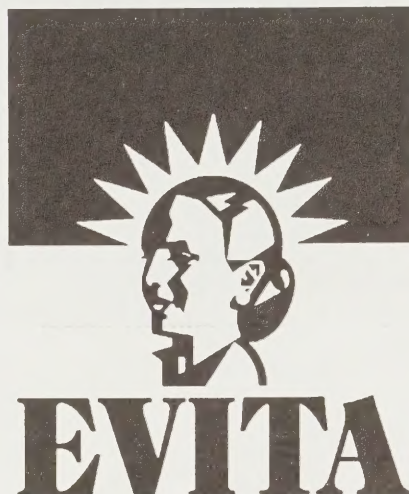
Over 100 people are involved in the production. A 20 member orchestra will be in the pit, numerous technical assistants and a large ensemble will bring the most difficult musical in Ridley's history to life.

Performances are on February 21, 22, 23 and 24 in the Mandeville Theatre. Tickets are \$8.00/person and may be reserved by phoning 416-684-8193 Ext. 238.

Ridley is back in the Sears Festival with a production of *Attack of the Moral Frizzies* by Nancy Beverly. The District Performance takes place on February 19th at the Playhouse: Brock University. In April, Ridley will be represented at the Secondary School Drama Festival with a production of *The Lottery*. Both productions are undertaken by the 20-strong O.A.C. drama class, and directed by Colin Brezicki.

RIDLEY COLLEGE

Presents



Lyrics by

Tim Rice

Music by

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Produced by James McLaughlin

Directed by David Cosgrove

Musical Direction by Stephen Hunt

Choreographed by James Nesbitt

Performances in

The Mandeville Theatre

February 21, 22, 23, 24, 1990

8:00 p.m.

Tickets \$8.00

To order tickets please phone:
416-684-8193 Ext. 238

Ridley College Association - Upcoming Events

Hockey at Maple Leaf Gardens

Ridley First Hockey vs Upper Canada College at Maple Leaf Gardens. Friday, February 16, 1990, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 per person. Available at the Development Office by calling 416-684-8193.

The 92nd Annual Toronto Branch Dinner

An Evening With The Headmaster

April 11, 1990.
Toronto Board of Trade
Tickets \$35.00 per person.
Available through the
Development Office:
416-684-8193.
Parents & Alumni Welcome!

Women's Guild's Upcoming Events

The Toronto Women's Guild is sponsoring *Rock 'n' Ridley* on Friday, April 20th in the Band Shell at the C.N.E. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$20 for students and can be reserved through Mrs. Miriam Misener at 231-5919.

The Niagara Women's Guild is sponsoring a Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, April 28, 1990 to be held at the school. Information from Cathy Henry at 416-688-0138.

Class of '89 - Where Are They Now?


Ontario Universities		United States Colleges and Universities	
Carleton University	14	Arizona State	1
Guelph University	1	Boston University	2
Laurier University	2	Brown University	1
McMaster University	5	Colorado College *	1
Ottawa University	1	Embry Riddle	1
Queen's University	7	Georgetown University *	1
Trent University	1	Kent State University	1
University of Toronto	7	Miami University	1
University of Waterloo	4	Philadelphia College of Art	1
Univ. of Western Ontario	15	Princeton University	2
Huron College	3	Rochester University	1
University of Windsor	1	University of Washington	1
York University	1	Western Virginia	1
Total	62	Total	15
Canadian Universities Outside Ontario		*: Denotes E.S.U.-English Speaking Union, exchange year/deferred uni- versity admission.	
East		Note: This list contains graduates from Grade 12.	
Bishop's University	4	The Centennial Graduating Class broke school records for class size (133) and overall academic achievement. As the numbers indicate, half remained in Ontario. The numbers at Western dropped from the dramatic high of the pre- vious year, and Carleton suddenly became popular. McGill's numbers saw a more than two-fold increase, and similarly U.B.C. and University of Victoria proved to be very popular compared to previous years.	
Concordia University	1		
Dalhousie University	7		
McGill University	16	U.S. Colleges were well repre- sented, with grads heading to Brown, Colorado, Georgetown, and Princeton among a wide range of other colleges. Finally, a few chose foreign schools in France and Spain, including one farsighted decision to attend the National Taiwan University.	
West			
University of British Columbia	6		
University of Victoria	4		
Total	38		
Other Canadian Post-Secondary Institutes			
St. Andrews, Scotland*	1		
Total	1		
Universities Outside Canada and the United States			
ITESM, Mexico	1		
Lycee, France	4		
National Taiwan University	1		
Inst. De Touraine, Tours, France	1		
Inst. of Foreign Study, France	2		
University of Spain	1		
Total	10	Simon J. Hall, Director of Guidance	

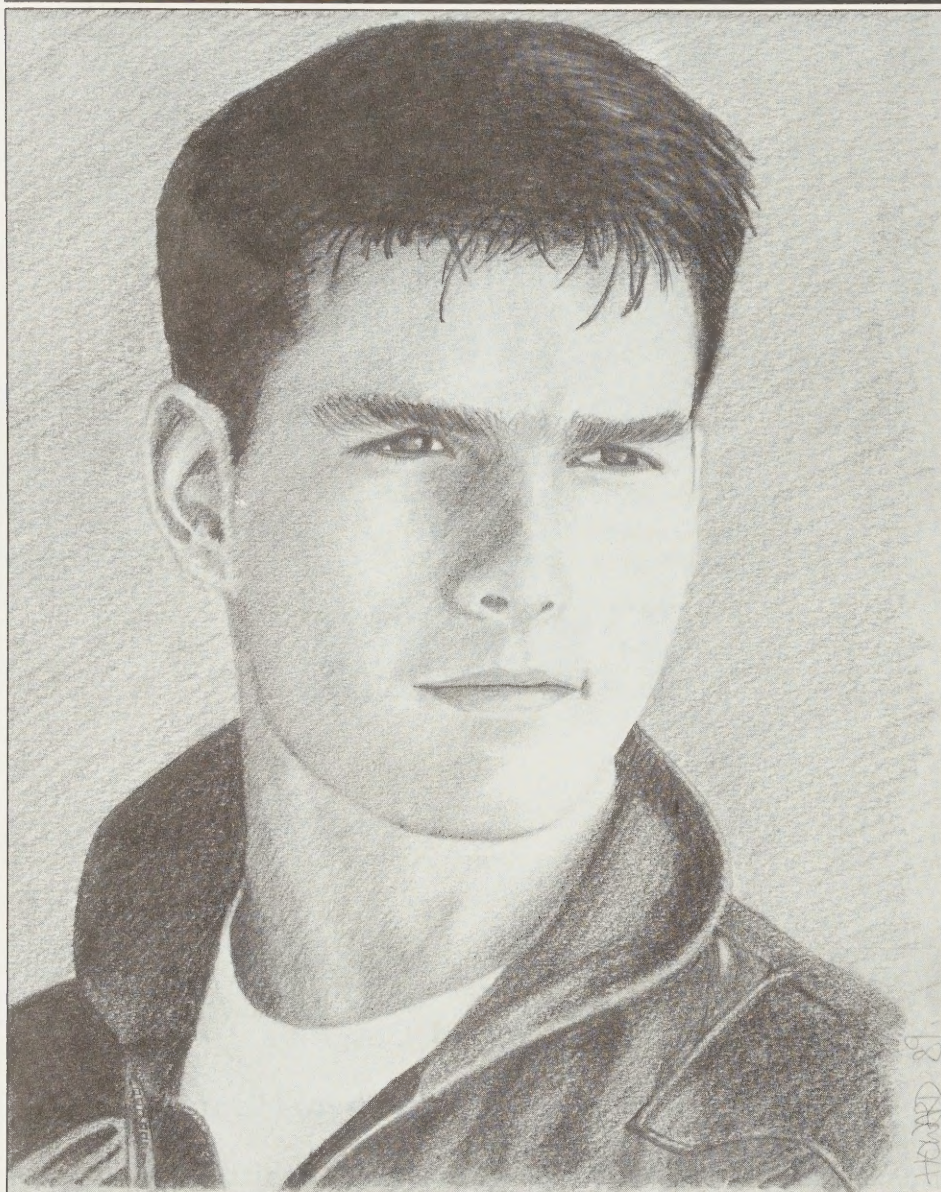
Lent Term

February 1990

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Senior, Junior & Midget Girls' Volleyball vs Gov. Simcoe 1	1st Basketball vs U.C.C. 2	3
4	Senior, Junior & Midget Girls' Volleyball vs Sir Winston 5	1st Basketball vs Laura Secord 6	1st & 2nd Hockey vs Nichols (H) 7:30p.m. 7	12:30 p.m. Mid-term Break Begins  8	9	10
11	9:00 p.m. Boarders Return  12	13	1st Hockey vs Grimsby  14	Toronto Women's Guild Dinner Meeting 15	1st Hockey vs U.C.C. at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto at 8:30 p.m. 16	1st & U/16 Hockey vs L.C.S. Dance  17
18	19	20	EVITA - 8:00 p.m. 21	EVITA - 8:00 p.m. 22	EVITA - 8:00 p.m. 23	1st Basketball vs Crescent; EVITA - 8:00 p.m. 24
25	26	Niagara Peninsula Women's Guild Dinner Meeting 27	1st Swimming I.S.A.A. Meet at the Etobicoke Olympium 28			

March 1990

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				2nd Century Lecture Series: 7:00 p.m., Mr. A. deHoog, Director of the Energy & Environment Division, Department of External Affairs 1	2	I.S.A.A. Squash Tournaments 3
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Service 4	5	Career Day 6	6:00 p.m. Sports Dinner 7	12:00 p.m. March Break Begins  8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	9:00 p.m. Boarders Return  26	 27	Grade 12 University Visit to UWO 28	29	ISS Music Festival 30	ISS Music Festival 31



"Tom Cruise" by Howard Wong, Grade 11.

Announcement

On November 29, 1989 at A Ridley Victorian Christmas Auction, Mr. Richard R. P. Court was the winner of the Tuition Raffle and M.P. Munro was the winner of the Loblaw's Food Hamper.

Ridley College would like to extend its thanks to all of those people who entered the draws. Over \$8000 was raised for the 2nd Century Campaign.

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